

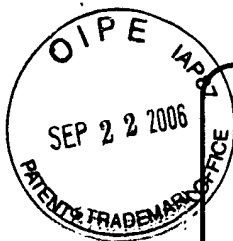
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The undersigned hereby states that the cited documents were brought to the Applicant's attention in a Search Report for an international application pending under the Patent Cooperation Treaty which claimed priority to U.S. Serial No. 10/828,744 ("744 application"), which Search Report was communicated on June 22, 2006, not more than three months ago.

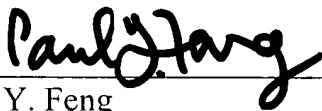
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